

REMARKS

The Rejections Under 35 USC § 102 and 103 and Claim Amendments

The amendments to the claims readily render all rejections moot.

From the definitions of R³ and R⁴ the following groups have been deleted:

(CH₂)_nCO₂R⁵, (CH₂)_nOCOR⁵, CH=CHCOOR⁵, and (CH₂)_nCHR⁵COOR⁵. The deletion of these groups eliminates more than even a possible overlap with the broadest disclosure of Rainer et al. The entry of the amendments is respectfully and courteously requested, and thereby the reconsideration of the rejections as well.

Two additional new dependent claims have been added, which do not raise any new issues. These recite narrower definitions for the groups R³ and R⁴, which are even further removed from the compounds of Rainer et al. The entry thereof is also respectfully requested.

The remaining amendments concern the correction of obvious subscript issues.

Withdrawn Claims

Applicants respectfully request the rejoinder of the withdrawn method claims in accord with the rejoinder provisions of the MPEP.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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